

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
CRIMINAL DIVISION

COMPLAINT

DCTN: U1 2000 258  
Lockup No: 33  
Case No: 11CRW 4148

District of Columbia ss:

Defendant's Name: John William Smith Jr. 11177548  
(First) (MI) (Last) (PDID) (CCNO)  
Also Known As: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)  
Address: Washington DC

John William Smith Jr., within the District of Columbia, while armed with an edged weapon, and with the intent to kill another and to inflict serious bodily injury on another and with a conscious disregard of an extreme risk of death or serious bodily injury to another, caused the death of Elaine Coleman by stabbing her with an edged weapon on or about December 2, 2011 through December 4, 2011, thereby causing injuries from which Elaine Coleman died on or about December 2, 2011 through December 4, 2011. (Second Degree Murder While Armed, in violation pf 22 D.C. Code, Sections 2103, 4502 (2001 ed.))

Co-Defendants:

Det. Douglas Carlson #11491  
Affiant's Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of December, 2011  
R. W. White  
(Judge) (Deputy Clerk)

WARRANT

To The United States Marshal or any other authorized federal officer or the Chief of Police of the District of Columbia:

WHEREAS the foregoing complaint and affidavit supporting the allegations thereof have been submitted, and there appearing probable cause and reasonable grounds for the issuance of an arrest warrant for John William Smith Jr.

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED TO BRING THE DEFENDANT BEFORE SAID COURT OR OTHER PERSON ENUMERATED IN 18 U.S.C. 3041 forthwith to answer said charge.

Issued Dec. 16, 2011 R. W. White  
Judge - Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Title 16: ☐ Rule 105: ☐ Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: Male	DOB: 04/17/1965	CCN: 11177548	PDID:
Papering Officer: D. Carlson Homicide			Badge No.: D21491

OFFICER MUST EXECUTE RETURN

Officer's Name:	Date / Time: December 16, 2011
AUSA Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Fel. I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AFTC <input type="checkbox"/> Fel. II <input type="checkbox"/>

# Superior Court of the District of Columbia

## CRIMINAL DIVISION

### AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF AN ARREST WARRANT

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11 CRW 4148

DEFENDANT'S NAME: SMITH, JOHN WILLIAM JR.				C.C.R.: 11-177548		P.D.I.D.:	
SEX: MALE	RACE: BLACK	D.O.B.: 04/17/1965	HEIGHT: 511	WEIGHT: 170	EYES: BROWN	HAIR: BLACK	COMPLEXION: DARK/TAN
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DEFENDANT'S BUSINESS ADDRESS: 601 F ST NW, Washington, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA						TELEPHONE NUMBER:	
COMPLAINANT'S NAME: COLEMAN, ELAINE							
LOCATION OF OFFENSE: 552 23RD PL NE				DATE OF OFFENSE: 12/02/2011		TIME OF OFFENSE: 21:00	
GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED: CAUTION AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS (CMC)							
<p>00-ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p> <p>05-VIOLENT TENDENCIES</p> <p>20-KNOWN TO ABUSE DRUGS</p> <p>On Sunday, December 04, 2011, @ approximately 0037 hours, members of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) First District were dispatched to the location of 552 23rd Place Northeast, Washington D.C., for the adult female shot in the face, unconscious and not breathing. Upon arriving on the scene, officers discovered a black female later identified as, Elaine Coleman (hereinafter the decedent) with massive trauma to the face, neck, and head. Members of the D.C. Fire &amp; E.M.S. were dispatched to the scene and as a result, Ambulance #10 and Medic #2 responded. Once they arrived on the scene they checked the medical condition of the decedent and determined she was dead. The decedent's remains were left on scene and later they were transported to the Washington, D.C. Medical Examiner's Office pending an autopsy.</p> <p>At this time, members of the Homicide Branch were assigned this case to investigate and your Affiant was assigned as the lead Homicide Detective.</p> <p>During the course of this investigation, a witness hereinafter W1 was located and interviewed. As a result, W1 reported IT last saw the decedent alive on Friday, December 02, 2011, at approximately 2100 hours, while W1 was visiting at the decedent's house. W1 reported that when IT left the decedent's house, the decedent's boyfriend, John Smith (hereinafter, the defendant) was still with the decedent in her house. W1 went on to report that after IT left the decedent's home, IT called the decedent and spoke with the decedent via her cellular telephone on Friday night, after IT left the decedent's house. W1 reported that when IT talked to the decedent, the decedent was ok. W1 reported that the decedent's cellular telephone number is (202) [REDACTED]. W1 also reported that IT is familiar with the relationship between decedent and the defendant and that the defendant was very possessive of the decedent, and when the decedent was not with the defendant, he was always calling the decedent and seeing where she was and who she was with. W1 also reported that the defendant works at the Roadside Café located at 2101 Benning Road N.E. Washington, D.C. and at the Verizon Center located at 601 F Street N.W. Washington, D.C.</p> <p>W1 went on to report that IT attempted to call the decedent during the day and night of Saturday, December 03, 2011</p>							

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x *Det Douglas Coleman* 12/14/11

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601 F ST NW, Washington, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

COMPLAINANT'S NAME:  
COLEMAN, ELAINE

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552 23RD PL NE

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12/02/2011

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and that after IT was unable to get into contact with the decedent; IT went to the decedent's home of 552 23rd Place N.E. to check on her. W1 reported that when IT arrived, IT received no answer at the front door. W1 then checked the front door and both the bottom lock/knob and the deadbolt were locked. W1 reported that IT then used IT's key and unlocked the bottom lock/knob and deadbolt and entered the decedent's home.

W1 reported that IT went up to the decedent's bedroom and located the decedent lying face down unconscious and un-responsive across two mattresses on the floor. W1 reported that the decedent's head was covered with a pillow and IT could see a large amount of blood on the floor, wall, pillow, and on the mattresses. The pillow was removed and W1 observed the decedent had massive trauma to her neck. W1 reported IT immediately called 911 and reported what IT discovered.

W1 further reported that the decedent's cellular telephone number is (202) [REDACTED] and that this cellular telephone is an HTC Incredible II with Google smart phone that is black in color. IT also reported that the decedent's cellular telephone's service is provided by Verizon and that the decedent always had her cellular telephone with her and she never lent it out. W1 also reported that the decedent always kept her house locked and that the only people with keys were the decedent and IT.

During the processing and search of the decedent's house/crime scene, the decedent's HTC Incredible II cellular telephone was not located. It was learned via Verizon service, that the decedent's cellular telephone had been used after W1 talked to the decedent and that the decedent's cellular telephone was being used after the decedent was found murdered. It was also discovered that the decedent's keys were missing from her home and they still have not been located. There was also no signs of forced entry into the decedent's house.

Your Affiant also learned that on Saturday, December 03, 2011 at approximately 1120 hours after W1 could not get in contact with the decedent, IT sent a text message to the defendant's cellular telephone saying, "Hey John are u with [REDACTED]?" W1 reported that a few minutes later IT received a text message back from the defendant saying, "NO BABY GIRL SHE WENT TO WORK SHE SAID WHEN SHE GET OFF FROM WORK she will text you". W1 text a reply back saying "Ok thanks".

During the course of this investigation, W1 was shown a single arrest confirmation photograph of the defendant, John William Smith Jr., DOB 04/17/1965 and W1 positively identified photograph as the decedent's boyfriend and the person who IT last observed with the decedent on Friday, December 02, 2011, at approximately 2100 hours, while W1 was visiting at the

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*x Det. Douglas Carlson #1491*

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<p>On Sunday, December 04, 2011, Dr. Goslinoski of the D.C. Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy on the decedent's remains. During the autopsy it was noted that suffered a lot of injuries to include, but not limited to; injuries to both hands and wrists that are consistent with defensive stab wounds, several apparent stab wounds to the face and neck, and several apparent stab wounds to the right side of the chest. Dr. Goslinoski also noted that the stab wounds to the rear of the decedent's neck almost decapitated the decedent and that her vertebrae and spinal cord were severed.</p> <p>Dr. Goslinoski stated that in all, there were approximately forty-one (41) incised and stab wounds to the decedent. Dr. Goslinoski also advised that some of the stab wounds on the decedent's face and the front of her neck could have been caused by a pair of scissors. At the conclusion of the autopsy, Dr. Goslinoski ruled that the Cause of Death was multiple incised wounds and the Manner of Death was ruled Homicide.</p> <p>During the course of this investigation, a witness hereinafter W2 was located and interviewed. During this interview, W2 reported that IT was in the area of 552 23rd Place N.E. on Friday, December 02, 2011, at approximately 2300-0000 hours, and IT heard loud arguing between at least two (02) subjects inside of 552 23rd Place N.E. W2 reported that IT could not discern the sex of any of the subjects arguing and IT could not tell exactly what words were being said. W2 reported that the arguing was loud and quick.</p> <p>On Tuesday, December 06, 2011, a witness hereinafter W3 was located and found to be in possession of the decedent's cellular telephone which is described as an HTC Incredible II with Google smart phone that is black in color and assigned the cellular telephone number (202) [REDACTED]</p> <p>During an interview with W3, IT reported that on either Friday, December 02, 2011 or Saturday, December 03, 2011, at approximately 0100-0200 hours, IT bought the decedent's cellular telephone from a subject (later identified as the defendant) after the defendant approached IT offering to sell the decedent's cellular telephone and telephone charger to IT. W3 reported that IT was in possession of the cellular telephone from the time IT bought IT and until the time, the police found IT with the decedent's cellular telephone. W3 reported that we can figure out exactly what date and time that IT bought the decedent's cellular telephone, because IT called IT's own cellular telephone number to confirm that the decedent's cellular telephone</p>									

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<p>GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED:</p> <p>worked. W3 further reported that the defendant works at the Roadside Café, which is located at 2101 Benning Road N.E. Washington, D.C. W3 also reported that there are assorted photographs of the defendant and the decedent in the cellular telephone.</p> <p>Your Affiant showed W3 a single arrest confirmation photograph of the defendant, John William Smith Jr., DOB 04/17/1965 and W3 positively identified photograph as the person who sold IT the decedent's cellular telephone and cellular telephone charger. W3 also identified color photographs of the defendant in the decedent's cellular telephone as the person who sold IT the cellular telephone and cellular telephone charger.</p> <p>Records revealed that W3 called IT's own cellular telephone number on Saturday, December 03, 2011, at approximately 0200 hours.</p> <p>During the course of this investigation, a witness hereinafter W4 was located and interviewed. During this interview, W4 reported that the defendant is employed by the Roadside Café located at 2101 Benning Road N.E. Washington, D.C. and that IT last saw the defendant on Friday, December 02, 2011, @ approximately 2230 hours when the defendant came to the Roadside Café and attempted to sell W4 cigarettes and attempted to get a loan from W4. W4 reported that IT doesn't smoke and IT did not loan the defendant any money. W4 reported that it seemed like the defendant was drunk or high and that the defendant did not seem normal. W4 reported that after this, the defendant left the Roadside Café.</p> <p>W4 reported that on Saturday, December 03, 2011, at approximately 1100-1130 hours, that IT returned to the Roadside Café and IT observed three (03)-four (04) laundry type bags that were the defendant's lined up against the wall of the main dining area. W4 reported that IT did see the defendant and that later IT left the Roadside Café without seeing the defendant. W4 reported that later on Saturday, December 03, 2011, at approximately 1700 hours, IT returned to the Roadside Café and IT noticed that the defendant's bags were gone. W4 also reported that on the morning of Sunday, December 04, 2011, the defendant called the Roadside Café and told IT that he (the defendant) was in Baltimore, Maryland and that he wasn't coming to work. W4 reported that the defendant has worked at the Roadside Café for approximately one year and that the defendant has keys for the Roadside Café.</p> <p>Your Affiant showed W4 a single arrest confirmation photograph of the defendant, John William Smith Jr., DOB</p>							

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<p>GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED: 04/17/1965 and W4 positively identified photograph as the person who IT knows as "John Smith" and the person who tried to sell IT cigarettes and get a loan.</p> <p>During the course of this investigation, a witness hereinafter W5 was located and interviewed. During this interview, W5 reported that the defendant moved into the decedent's (known to W5 as "Elaine") house in July of 2011. W5 reported that the decedent would put the defendant out and later the defendant would move back in and that the defendant told IT that the decedent would also deny him sex. W5 reported that when the decedent would put the defendant out of her house this would infuriate the defendant. W5 went on to report that the defendant would live at the Roadside Café where he worked when the decedent would put him out. W5 reported that the defendant told IT that he came into some settlement money and the decedent wanted help with her mortgage. W5 reported that the defendant told IT that if the decedent was using him for his money, that he would kill her. W5 reported that the defendant last stated this to IT around Thanksgiving of this year. W5 reported that the defendant told IT that he was/had been incarcerated for Manslaughter for stabbing a guy with a knife. W5 reported that the defendant said he always carried a knife, but that IT had never seen the defendant with a knife or scissors.</p> <p>W5 reported that IT talked to the defendant on the afternoon of Saturday, December 03, 2011 and the defendant told IT that he was running errands downtown and that he was going back to Baltimore, Maryland because he had enough of Washington, D.C. W5 also reported that on Sunday, December 04, 2011, the defendant told IT that the decedent put him out because she was getting back with her ex-boyfriend.</p> <p>Your Affiant showed W5 a single arrest confirmation photograph of the defendant, John William Smith Jr., DOB 04/17/1965 and W5 positively identified photograph as the person who IT knows as "John Smith" and the person IT was talking about and the person who told IT he would kill the decedent, "Elaine".</p> <p>During the course of this investigation, a witness hereinafter W6 was located and interviewed. During this interview, W6 reported that the defendant was/is an employee at Roadside Café and that the defendant was a good worker, but would flick off very fast. W6 reported that during conversations with the defendant, he told IT that his weapon of choice is a pair of scissors and that the defendant told IT multiple times, that he was going to kill the decedent, because the decedent kept putting him out and he</p>							

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felt that the decedent was ripping him off for his settlement money and because the decedent was messing around with her old boyfriend. W6 reported that the defendant told IT this many times and that as recently as just after Thanksgiving of this year and prior to her being murdered that the defendant told IT that, "I'm going to kill that bitch".

During the course of this investigation, your Affiant learned through computer checks that the defendant was arrested on July 01, 2005, in Baltimore, Maryland for First Degree Murder in which the defendant stabbed and killed a victim with a pair of scissors. In January of 2006, the defendant pled guilty to Manslaughter and was sentenced to eight (08) years in prison. Your Affiant spoke to the lead Homicide Detective in this murder investigation and he confirmed the above facts.

During the course of this investigation, your Affiant learned that the decedent was scheduled to work on Saturday, December 03, 2011, from 1000-1500 hours at her first job and she was scheduled to work at 1700 hours at her second job. The decedent never made it to either of her places of employment on Saturday, December 03, 2011.

Based on the above stated facts and circumstances, your Affiant believes probable cause exists that the above named defendant, JOHN WILLIAM SMITH JR., B/M, DOB 04/17/1965, committed the offense of Second Degree Murder While Armed on or about Friday, December 02, 2011 to Sunday, December 04, 2011, which resulted in the death of the decedent, Elaine Coleman. As a result, your Affiant respectfully requests that a D.C. Superior Court Arrest Warrant be issued for the defendant, JOHN WILLIAM SMITH JR., charging him with First Degree Murder While Armed.

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